

the text states that the filler material can include pole fiberfill and expanded polystyrene pellets or beads.

U.S. 5,228,158 Park, shows a pillow filled with compressible resilient material. As seen in column for lines 55 -- 57 the disclosure calls out for failing the pillow with polyurethane particles.

U.S. 4,924,541 Inagaki, shows a bed pad that has stuffing elements comprising synthetic resin as a core material. As recited in column 2, lines 46 -- 47 the stuffing elements may be a hard synthetic resin such as vinyl chloride.

U.S. 4,862,539 Bokich, shows a pillow that they referred to as a "resilient structure". This patent gives me some concern and I would like you to review it thoroughly. As recited in column 2, lines 38 -- 58, the specification calls out for polyurethane cut material produced by a sheering action acted upon a sheet of foam.

U.S. 4,060,863 Craig, shows a pillow that is V-shaped. In column 1, lines 13 -- 14, the specification recites "particulate fall material or polyester filament fiber staple" for the fragmentary filling material.

U.S. 3,900,648 Smith, shows a patent where various sized filled material is used to more efficiently fill the open pockets of space. In column 5, lines 11 -- 14, the specification recites flexible polyurethane phone chips were chunks of such foam to be used for greater mechanical entanglement with one another.

U.S. 3,761,131 Oliver, shows a method of making a sofa like pillow. Column 2 lines 53-56 states that polyurethane foam chunks 1 to 3 inches in diameter can be used as a filling material.

U.S. 5,797,154 Contreras, shows a pillow made from a large piece of foam. In column, 3 line 19 states that the pillow can be made from open cell and reticulated polyurethane foam.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that the attached references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present

invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the pending application is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which needs attention, and if the Examiner feels that consultation with the applicant's attorney, the undersigned herein, would be of value, then such consultation would be welcome. The applicant's attorney can be reached at the phone number noted below.

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